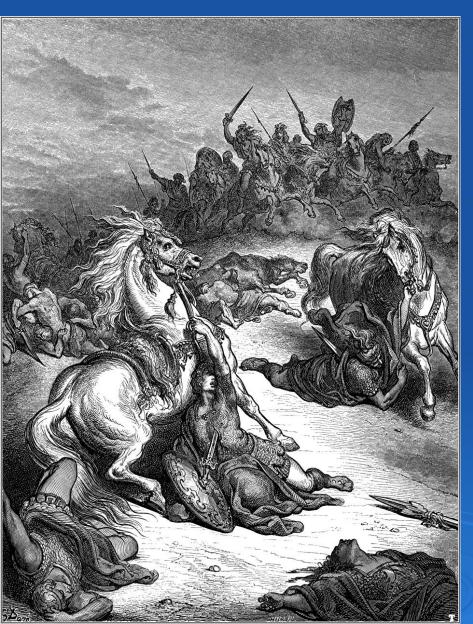
SAUL AND JONATHAN ARE DEAD



- Writer of the Samuel Scroll makes it clear that David did not have a hand in King Sha'ul's death
- Yehoveh's will was being accomplished
- Human action usually accompanies God's work on earth
- Very few instances of the purely supernatural bringing about God's plans

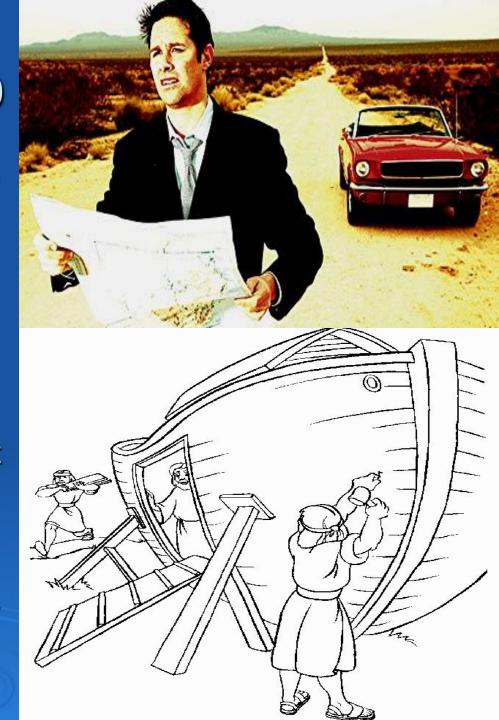


WAITING FOR GOD TO MOVE?

- Prayer is usually not an end in itself
- Prayer is like plotting a route on a map
- Plotting the route is important, but it is NOT the same as taking a trip!
- The GOING is the issue, not the planning

FAITH WITHOUT WORKS IS DEAD

- Christians often buy the map, plan the route, and then wait for God to act supernaturally
- Noach, Abraham, Moses, Joshua, and David were all men of action as well as prayer
- We WILL make mistakes, but to do nothing is the worst thing!
- ➤ Rev. 3:14 -16 "...you are neither hot nor cold...! will vomit you out of my mouth!"



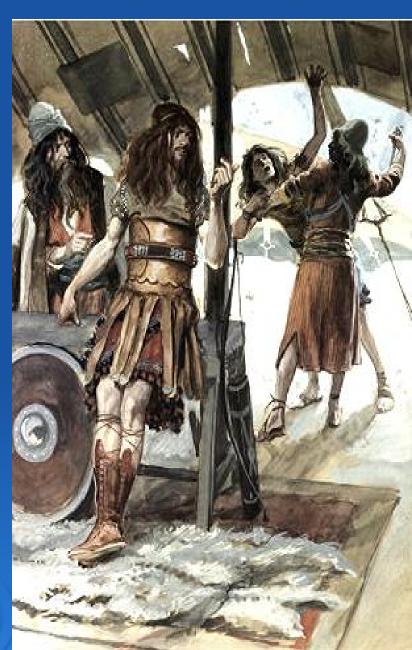


DAVID: A MAN OF ACTION

- David did things that upset us AND God!
- But still he was held up as a good example for us all
- David was a doer, not merely a hearer
- > Acts 13:21 -22 "I found David...to be a man after My own heart..."
- Young man is an Amalekite ger
- To want Israel's Savior but outside of Israel's Covenants is an oxymoron

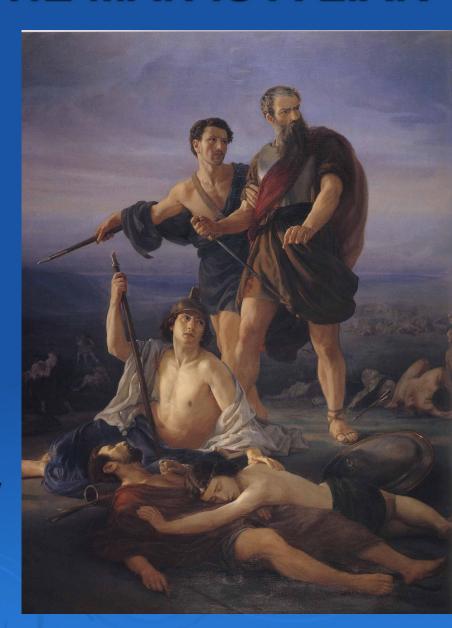
"Your blood is on your own head"

- "....not afraid todestroy Adonai's anointed ?"
- Divine perspective: man had no right to put asunder that which YHWH had established
- Amalekite ger was guilty of "blood"
- No atonement and no mercy under the Levitical Law
- The manner of Saul's death seems to be disputed by the Amalekite
- Either there is Biblical error, or the Amalekite man was lying in hopes of receiving a reward

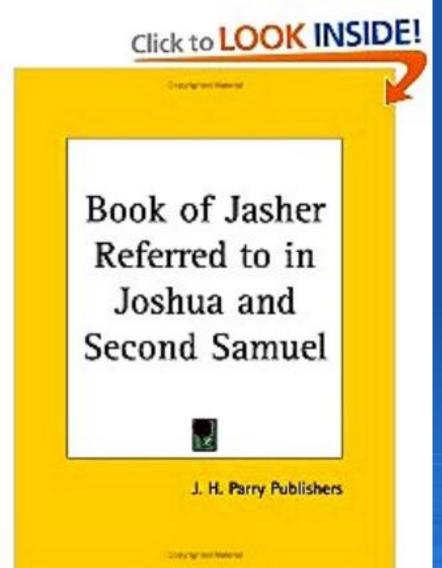


EVIDENCE IS THAT THE MAN IS A LIAR

- The mention of chariots does not fit the situation
- Chariots cannot operate in mountain terrain, among boulders or in a forest
- Saul killed atop Mt. Gilboa
- > 2nd Sam.4:9 10 "..thinking to himself he was bringing good news...."
- Amalekite man likely was merely the first to stumble across Saul's body and stripped it



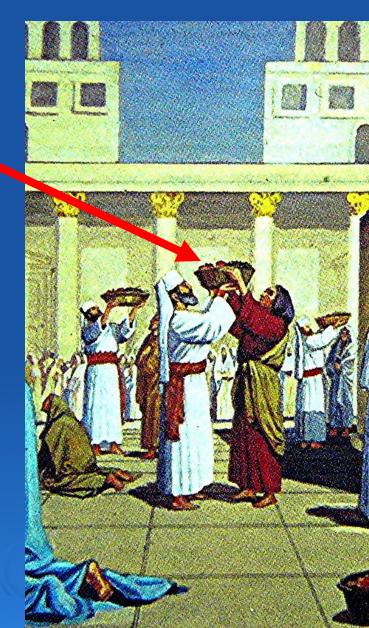
A EULOGY FOR SAUL AND JONATHAN: "THE BOW"



- Vs. 18 To teach Judah archery??
- Qesheth = bow
- Qesheth, "The Bow", is the title of the ode
- Sefer Yashar = the Book of Jashar
- Lost to history
- A forgery created in the mid 1700's, still circulating today!

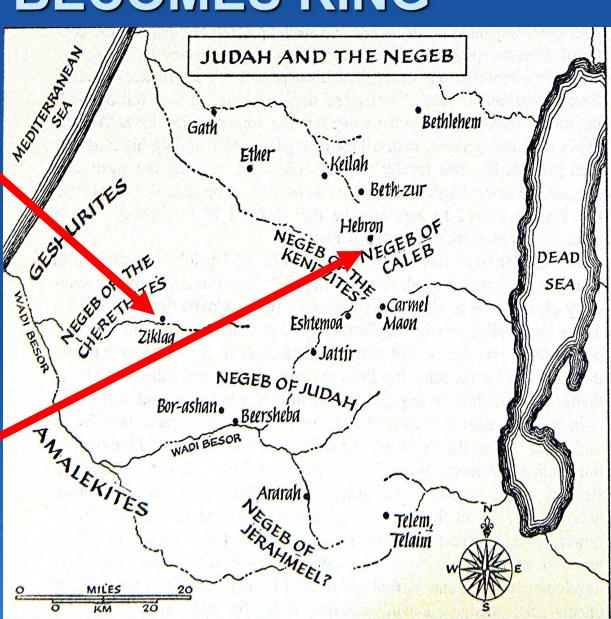
"The Bow" explanations

- Curse: "no fields with good crops"
- "No sadeh with terumah"
- > Terumah = wave offering
- "The shield of Saul as if he had not been anointed by oil"
- Shields were leather, and so oiled to stay supple and so weapons slid off when struck
- Vs. 26 "Y'honatan's love for David deeper than that of women"
- > This is not a gay love affair
- "love" was a common political term between vassal and king
- Contrast between a "political" love and a different kind of love between a man and his harem

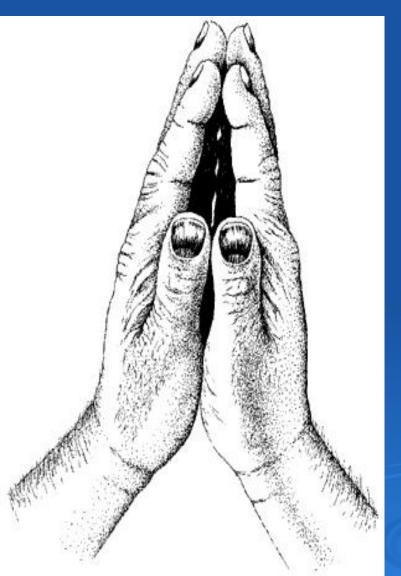


2ND SAMUEL CHAPTER 2: DAVID BECOMES KING

- David and his men are still in Ziklag
- No point staying in Philistine territory any more
- Using Urim and Thummim, YHWH tells David to go to Hebron



THE JUXTAPOSITION OF PRAYER AND ACTION IN OUR LIVES



- Prayer is not the end-game, it is the preparation for action
- Prayer = inquiring of God
- To "pray" used to be a common term meaning to inquire of a superior king/nobleman
- David is currently "praying" using Urim and Thummim
- After getting his answer, David packs up his 2 wives, and together with his army sets out for Hebron
- This was a homecoming for Avigayil and Achinoam



ISRAEL NOW 3 COALITIONS

- Every since crossing the Jordan under Joshua, Israel was divided
 - Israel
- Gilead
- Judah
- Matters greatly to understand fulfilled and future prophecy

DAVID ANOINTED BY ELDERS?

- "Anointing" may have just been an expression
- Anointing generally reserved as a function of prophets and priests
- Samuel (priest and prophet) had years earlier anointed David (although David wasn't sure for what)
- David at first ruled only over the Hebron area

